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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Reiter et al.

Serial No.: 09/842,776

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For: NEW METHOD FOR DETECTING ACID-RESISTANT MICROORGANISMS IN THE STOOL

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby notify the Examiner of documents, copies of which are attached hereto and are listed on the attached 1449 form, that may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

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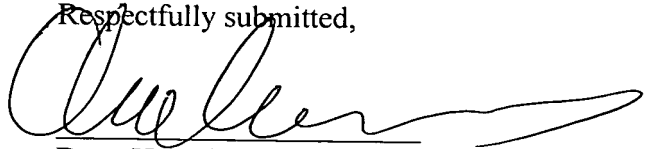
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Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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